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CONFLICT

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On August 8, poloff delivered reftel talking points to Ambassador for UN and OAS Affairs Michelle Cohen. Cohen reflected on the August 4 meeting of UNSG Kofi Annan and President Leonel Fernandez, during which Fernandez condemned without distinction Israeli attacks in the city of Qana and Hizbollah rocket attacks into northern Israel. She then suggested, as did Fernandez earlier, that multi-lateral organizations in general and the United Nations in particular would prove key to terminating the current conflict. Cohen noted that the Dominican government was supportive of an immediate ceasefire, but withheld comment on the specific resolution as relayed in reftel, noting instead that it would be passed upwards in the MFA for analysis and discussion. Post will advise of any further substantive comment.  
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